

out against predatory lending practices that target our nation's veterans. Earlier this year, the Department of Defense finalized its rules under the Military Lending Act that would protect our service members and their families from the endless cycle of debt frequently created by payday loans.

However, the MLA does not provide these same protections to those brave women and men who have already served their country. There are already many challenges for veterans reentering civilian life. The threat of being taken advantage of by unscrupulous lenders does not need to be added to the list.

It is within the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's authority to protect our veterans from the predatory payday lending industry. They must act to end the dangerous payday loan debt trap by creating strong consumer protections and encouraging innovative alternatives for veterans who need short-term, emergency loans to make ends meet.

It is my hope that the CFPB will make this issue a priority and quickly provide the financial protections our veterans deserve.

**RECOGNIZING LANCE CORPORAL  
BRANDON RUMBAUGH FOR RAISING  
AWARENESS FOR OUR NATION'S  
HOMELESS VETERANS**

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lance Corporal Brandon Rumbaugh for his service to our country and his dedication to raising awareness for our nation's homeless veterans.

Following two combat deployments and the loss of his legs in the line of service in Afghanistan, Brandon has begun a remarkable campaign to raise awareness about the difficulties many veterans face after returning home from deployment, namely homelessness. On November 1, 2015, the anniversary of his injury, Brandon started his journey to advocate for homeless veterans by living exclusively on the streets of Uniontown for the month.

Through his efforts, Brandon hopes to raise awareness and educate the public about the challenges and employment needs veterans face when they come home. It is my privilege to help Brandon bring awareness to this issue, as the plight veterans face continues to go unaddressed in many places across the country.

Today I am honored to thank Brandon for his service to our nation as well as his dedication to his fellow veterans. He is hero and a role model for all of us. Furthermore, I am hopeful his efforts will help illustrate the necessity for continued local, state, and national responses to the needs of our veterans.

**IRANIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS**

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, November 4th marks the anniversary of an important date in U.S.-Iranian relations.

On this date in 1979, only a few months after the Shah was deposed and the radical, anti-American, Islamist Ayatollah Khomeini was placed in power, a group of young Islamic revolutionaries made their anger with the United States known to the world.

The group stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took over 60 American hostages. The revolutionaries were angry about President Carter's decision to allow the recently ousted Shah into the U.S. for cancer treatment and general American interference in their affairs.

Hostages were blindfolded, bound, beaten, sometimes tortured, subjected to solitary confinement and unsanitary conditions, and even underwent mock executions.

Richard Morefield, the Consul General of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran recounted that he was subjected to three mock executions, the first being on his second night in captivity.

He was awakened in the middle of the night, herded into a van with other hostages, driven somewhere, dragged into a shower room, seated on a bench, and made to think he would die there and then.

Al Golacinski, John Limbert, and Rick Kupke were also subjected to mock executions. They too were awakened in the middle of the night, forced to remove their clothing, blindfolded and marched into a basement where the callous guards made it seem they were about to be executed by firing squad. The guards pulled their triggers to their unloaded weapons and laughed.

These hostages lived in emotional and physical turmoil for 444 days.

Though 13 of the hostages were released after a short time, diplomatic means to free the rest of the hostages failed. President Carter tried to build pressure through economic sanctions and frozen assets.

Then, Ronald Reagan was elected president. Minutes after his inauguration, the Iranians freed the remaining hostages.

This event left a lasting impression on American foreign policy.

Sanctions that began as a result of the Iranian hostage crisis increased over 36 years as Iran built up its illegal nuclear weapons program, conducted terrorist attacks against innocent civilians around the world, and violated the human rights of its own people.

That is until President Obama decided to ease sanctions on this enemy nation as part of a disastrous new "deal." On this November 4, 36 years after the start of the hostage crisis, we have not forgotten. And, we have not forgiven.

And that's just the way it is.

**RECOGNIZING KIN ON FOR THEIR  
30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Kin On organization and its thirty years of service to the senior citizens of the Seattle area.

From the beginning, Kin On has been an important part of our community and has been integral to serving seniors with respect and dignity. Through their provision of health, so-

cial, and education services, Kin On encourages Asian adults and seniors to remain mentally, physically, and socially active. Programs like these are models for other care facilities, as they keep seniors engaged and healthy in comprehensive and culturally sensitive ways.

It is also encouraging to know that Kin On will expand its services and facilities in Seattle, expanding their capacity to serve the community. I am confident that the addition of a community center, assisted living, and adult family home—as well as a short-term rehab and sun room—will greatly enhance the experiences of those who benefit from Kin On's wide array of services.

Once again, I want to thank Kin On for its service and congratulate them on thirty years of hard work and success in serving our senior community. I look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.

**CONGRATULATING SHERRY  
LEVESQUE ON HER 40-YEAR  
BOWLING CAREER**

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sherry Levesque of Springfield, Missouri, on her successful 40-year career of dedication to the growth of bowling in our community and to wish her a happy retirement.

Since 1996, Sherry has worked at Andy B's bowling lanes in Springfield, but has been around the sport in many capacities since 1975. In the early part of her career, she became the first woman to ever tally a 300 score at Hazelwood Bowl and was featured on television in competition at the old Arena Bowl. While her career as a competitive bowler is remarkable, however, it is Sherry's dedication to bring others into the sport that makes her truly unique.

After moving to Springfield in 1982, she began working at Walnut Bowl (now Light-house Lanes) building their junior bowling program. At that position, she also became the director of the Greater Springfield American Bowlers Congress and Greater Springfield Women's International Bowling Congress. Then, she started more youth programs upon moving to Century Lanes in 1987, which ultimately earned her a distinguished service induction into the Springfield Women's Bowling Association in 1994. Around the same time, she was named president of the Missouri State Youth Bowling Association.

After being named General Manager of Andy B's in 1997, she continued cultivating the area bowling community and was named Manager of the Year by the Bowling Proprietors Association of America in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my appreciation to Sherry for the invaluable positive impact she has made on so many young people in my district, and wish her a happy—and well-earned—retirement. The way in which she used her passion of bowling to touch so many lives for the better truly serves as an example of the human spirit we can all learn from and makes me proud to represent her and the rest of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District.